

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

REBECCA THOMASSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. SA-21-CV-00687-JKP

PHILIP D STERN,

Defendant.


SCHEDULING ORDER

The disposition of this case will be controlled by the following order. In accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(a), if a deadline set in this order falls on a weekend or a holiday, the effective day will be the next business day.

1. Defendant shall file an answer on or before **March 1, 2022**.
2. Parties shall make initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1). To the extent a defendant knows the identity of a responsible third party contemplated by Texas Civil Practices & Remedies Code § 33.004, such identity is subject to disclosure under Rule 26(a)(1)(A)(i).
3. The parties shall file a report on alternative dispute resolution in compliance with Local Rule CV-88(b) on or before **April 1, 2022**.
4. Parties asserting claims for relief shall submit a written offer of settlement to opposing parties on or before **May 2, 2022**, and each opposing party shall respond, in writing on or before **May 16, 2022**. All offers of settlement are to be private, not filed. The parties shall retain the written offers of settlement and response, as the Court will use these in assessing attorneys' fees and costs at the conclusion of the proceedings. At any time, if any parties reach a settlement, they should immediately notify the Court by filing a joint advisory. The joint advisory shall state the parties who reached the settlement and whether a settlement conference is required or desired. If a hearing is requested, the parties shall confer and provide mutually agreeable potential dates for the hearing.
5. On or before **May 2, 2022**, the parties shall file any motion seeking leave to amend pleadings or join parties. To the extent it may apply in this case, the deadline for Defendant(s) to file a motion to designate responsible third parties, pursuant to Texas Civil Practices & Remedies Code § 33.004(a), is **May 2, 2022**.
6. Parties asserting claims for relief shall file their designation of testifying experts and serve on all parties, but not file, the materials required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B), on or before **June 2, 2022**.

7. Parties resisting claims for relief shall file their designation of testifying experts and serve on all parties, but not file, the materials required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B), on or before **July 5, 2022**.
8. Parties shall file all designations of rebuttal experts and serve on all parties the material required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B) for such rebuttal experts, to the extent not already served, within fourteen days of receipt of the report of the opposing expert.
9. The deadline to file supplemental expert reports required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e)(2) is at least 30 days before trial. The parties are advised any report filed under this deadline may only supplement the initial report and may not introduce new opinion or subject matter. This deadline is not intended to provide an extension of the deadline by which a party must deliver the substance of its expert information or opinion.
10. Parties shall initiate all discovery procedures in time to complete discovery on or before **August 5, 2022**. Written discovery requests are not timely if they are filed so close to this deadline that under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure the response would not be due until after the expiration of the deadline. *See* Local Rule CV-16(d). Counsel may by agreement continue discovery beyond the deadline. The parties are advised that should they agree to extend discovery beyond the deadline, there will be no intervention by the Court except in exceptional circumstances. No trial setting or other deadline set forth herein will be vacated due to information obtained in post-deadline discovery. *See* Local Rule CV-7(d).
11. Counsel shall confer and file a joint report setting forth the status of settlement negotiations on or before **August 19, 2022**.
12. On or before **August 19, 2022**, the parties shall file any *Daubert* motions and challenge to or motion to exclude expert witnesses. Any such motion must specifically state the basis for the objection and identify the objectionable testimony.
13. On or before **September 26, 2022**, parties shall file any dispositive motions, including motions for summary judgment on all or some of the claims. Further, notwithstanding any deadline provided herein, no motion (other than a motion in limine) may be filed after this date except for good cause.
14. The Court will set dates for trial and the final pretrial conference after ruling on any dispositive motions or after the deadline for such motions passes without a pertinent filing. At that time, the Court will also set appropriate deadlines for trial and pretrial conference matters.

SIGNED this 23rd day of February 2022.


JASON PULLIAM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE